

 **BLADE**®

# 120 S2



**Instruction Manual**  
**Bedienungsanleitung**  
**Manuel d'utilisation**  
**Manuale di Istruzioni**

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**BNF**®  
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**WARNING:** Procedures, which if not properly followed, create the probability of property damage, collateral damage, and serious injury OR create a high probability of superficial injury.

**CAUTION:** Procedures, which if not properly followed, create the probability of physical property damage AND a possibility of serious injury.

**NOTICE:** Procedures, which if not properly followed, create a possibility of physical property damage AND a little or no possibility of injury.

 **WARNING:** Read the ENTIRE instruction manual to become familiar with the features of the product before operating. Failure to operate the product correctly can result in damage to the product, personal property and cause serious injury.

This is a sophisticated hobby product. It must be operated with caution and common sense and requires some basic mechanical ability. Failure to operate this Product in a safe and responsible manner could result in injury or damage to the product or other property. This product is not intended for use by children without direct adult supervision. Do not use with incompatible components or alter this product in any way outside of the instructions provided by Horizon Hobby, LLC. This manual contains instructions for safety, operation and maintenance. It is essential to read and follow all the instructions and warnings in the manual, prior to assembly, setup or use, in order to operate correctly and avoid damage or serious injury.

**Age Recommendation: Not for children under 14 years. This is not a toy.**

## Safety Precautions and Warnings

- Always keep a safe distance in all directions around your model to avoid collisions or injury. This model is controlled by a radio signal subject to interference from many sources outside your control. Interference can cause momentary loss of control.
- Always operate your model in open spaces away from full-size vehicles, traffic and people.
- Always carefully follow the directions and warnings for this and any optional support equipment (chargers, rechargeable battery packs, etc.).
- Always keep all chemicals, small parts and anything electrical out of the reach of children.
- Always avoid water exposure to all equipment not specifically designed and protected for this purpose. Moisture causes damage to electronics.
- Never place any portion of the model in your mouth as it could cause serious injury or even death.
- Never operate your model with low transmitter batteries.
- Always keep aircraft in sight and under control.
- Always move the throttle fully down at rotor strike.
- Always use fully charged batteries.
- Always keep transmitter powered on while aircraft is powered.
- Always remove batteries before disassembly.
- Always keep moving parts clean.
- Always keep parts dry.
- Always let parts cool after use before touching.
- Always remove batteries after use.
- Never operate aircraft with damaged wiring.
- Never touch moving parts.

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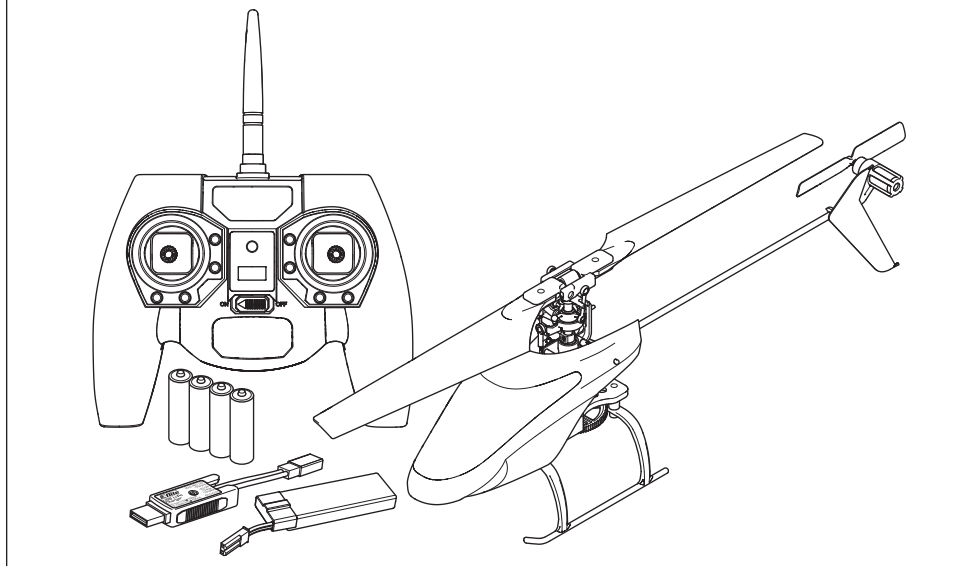
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## Specifications

|                            |                 |                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Length</b>              | 12.6 in (320mm) | <b>Tail Rotor Diameter</b> | 2.75 in (70mm)  |
| <b>Height</b>              | 4.25 in (108mm) | <b>Flying Weight</b>       | 3.74 oz (106 g) |
| <b>Main Rotor Diameter</b> | 13 in (330mm)   |                            |                 |

## Box Contents

- Blade 120 S2
- 500mAh 1S 3.7V 25C Li-Po Battery
- 1S Li-Po USB Charger
- MLP6DSM SAFE 6 Channel Transmitter (RTF Only)
- 4 AA Batteries (RTF Only)



## First Flight Preparation

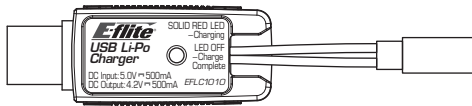
- Remove and inspect contents
- Begin charging the flight battery
- Install the batteries in the transmitter (RTF only)
- Program your computer transmitter (BNF only)
- Install the flight battery in the helicopter (once it has been fully charged)
- Bind your transmitter (BNF only)
- Familiarize yourself with the controls
- Find a suitable area for flying

## Charging Warnings

**CAUTION:** All instructions and warnings must be followed exactly. Mishandling of Li-Po batteries can result in a fire, personal injury and/or property damage.

- **NEVER LEAVE CHARGING BATTERIES UNATTENDED.**
- **NEVER CHARGE BATTERIES OVERNIGHT.**
- By handling, charging or using the included Li-Po battery, you assume all risks associated with lithium batteries.
- If at any time the battery begins to balloon or swell, discontinue use immediately. If charging or discharging, discontinue and disconnect. Continuing to use, charge or discharge a battery that is ballooning or swelling can result in fire.
- Always store the battery at room temperature in a dry area for best results.
- Always transport or temporarily store the battery in a temperature range of 40–120° F (5–49° C).
- Do not store battery or model in a car or direct sunlight. If stored in a hot car, the battery can be damaged or even catch fire.
- Always charge batteries away from flammable

## Battery Charging



**NOTICE:** Charge only batteries that are cool to the touch and are not damaged. Look at the battery to make sure it is not damaged e.g., swollen, bent, broken or punctured.

1. Insert the charger into a USB port.
2. Properly connect the battery to the charger lead.
3. Always disconnect the flight battery from the charger immediately upon completion of charging.

**CAUTION:** Only use chargers specifically designed to charge the included Li-Po battery. Failure to do so could result in fire, causing injury or property damage.

**CAUTION:** Never exceed the recommended charge rate.

## Flying Checklist

- Always turn the transmitter on first**
- Plug the flight battery into the lead from the ESC
- Allow the receiver and ESC to initialize and arm properly
- Fly the model
- Land the model
- Unplug the flight battery from the ESC
- Always turn the transmitter off last**

materials.

- Always inspect the battery before charging
- Always disconnect the battery after charging, and let the charger cool between charges.
- Always constantly monitor the temperature of the battery pack while charging.
- **ONLY USE A CHARGER SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO CHARGE LI-PO BATTERIES.** Failure to charge the battery with a compatible charger may cause a fire resulting in personal injury and/or property damage.
- Never discharge Li-Po cells to below 3V under load.
- Never cover warning labels with hook and loop strips.
- Never charge batteries outside recommended levels.
- Never charge damaged batteries.
- Never attempt to dismantle or alter the charger.
- Never allow minors to charge battery packs.
- Never charge batteries in extremely hot or cold places (recommended between 40–120° F or (5–49° C) or place in direct sunlight.

## LED Indications

When you make the connection successfully, the LED on the charger turns solid red, indicating charging has begun. Charging a fully discharged (not over-discharged) 500mAh battery takes approximately 60 minutes. The light goes off when the charge is complete.

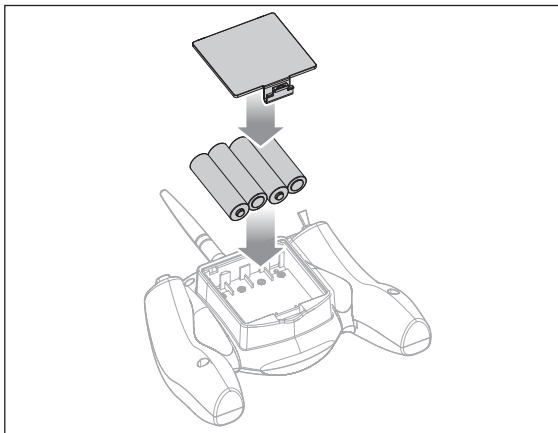
**CHARGING** (Solid Red)

**MAX CHARGE** (OFF)

**CAUTION:** Once charging is complete, immediately remove the battery. Never leave a battery connected to the charger.

## Installing the Transmitter Batteries (RTF)

Replace the transmitter batteries when the transmitter beeps.



## Transmitter Setup (BNF)

Program your transmitter before attempting to bind or fly the helicopter. Transmitter programming values are shown below for the Spektrum DX6i, DX7s, DX6, DX7, DX8, DX9 and DX18.

The files for models using Spektrum™ transmitters with Spektrum AirWare™ software are also available for download online at [www.spektrumrc.com](http://www.spektrumrc.com).

Your helicopter is also compatible with Spektrum DXe transmitters with software version 1.3 or higher. Use the directions below to reverse channel 6, or use the appropriate programming cable and the PC or mobile app to program the DXe. We recommend downloading the Blade 120 S2 DXe model setup available at [www.spektrumrc.com](http://www.spektrumrc.com).

If you are programming your DXe using the PC or mobile app, make sure the "Transmitter Channels" value is set to the default of 7. If for any reason this value is changed to 9, the 120 S2 will bind to the DXe, but will not respond to control inputs.

If your DXe was included in another Blade® Ready To Fly (RTF) helicopter, the transmitter software will have to be updated using the appropriate programming cable and either the PC or mobile app available at [www.spektrumrc.com](http://www.spektrumrc.com).

Please note, the switch configuration used for DXe transmitters included with the Blade 230 S RTF and Micro AH-64 Apache™ RTF varies from the standard DXe layout.

### DXe

To use the DXe transmitter with the Blade 120 S2, channel 6 must be reversed.

To reverse channel 6:

1. While powering on the DXe, hold the left and right sticks in the top-inside corners as shown.
2. Re-center the sticks after the transmitter beeps. The LED will flash slowly.
3. To select a channel to reverse, move the right stick to the left or right and allow it to re-center. Move the stick to the right to select the next channel. Move the stick to the left to select the previous channel. The LED will flash rapidly corresponding to the channel selected, as shown in the table. Select channel 6.
4. To reverse the selected channel, move the right stick up or down. The LED will change color to indicate the new channel direction.
5. The LED will flash **Orange** to indicate the channel is **normal**. The LED will flash **Red** to indicate the channel is **reversed**.
6. To store the changes, power off the DXe.

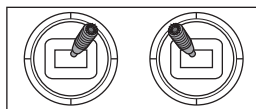


**CAUTION:** During the subsequent power up, always verify the throttle direction is correct and keep clear of the motor and rotor blades. Failure to do so may result in injury or damage to the product.

After reversing channel 6, bind the transmitter and helicopter normally.

Flight modes are controlled by the Flight Mode switch.

Panic Mode is controlled by the Bind/Panic/Trainer button.



| LED Flashes | Channel       |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1           | 1-Throttle    |
| 2           | 2-Aileron     |
| 3           | 3-Elevator    |
| 4           | 4-Rudder      |
| 5           | 5-Flight Mode |
| 6           | 6-Panic       |
| 7           | 7-Flaps       |
| 8           | 8-Aux Channel |

Once bound, the LED in the helicopter should glow green blue or red, depending on the flight mode selected.

If the LED glows green in FM-0 mode or blue in FM-1/FM-2 modes, channel 6 has not been reversed correctly. Use the directions above to reverse channel 6. If the LED flashes red, replace the flight battery with a fully charged battery.

## DX6i

| SETUP LIST             |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Model Type             | Acro      |
| <b>REVERSE</b>         |           |
| Channel                | Direction |
| THRO                   | N         |
| AILE                   | N         |
| ELEV                   | N         |
| RUDD                   | N         |
| GEAR                   | R         |
| FLAP                   | N         |
| <b>Modulation Type</b> |           |
| AUTO DSMX-ENABLE       |           |
| <b>D/R COMBI</b>       |           |
| D/R SW                 | AILE      |
| <b>Timer</b>           |           |
| Down Timer             | 5:00      |
| Switch                 | THR CUT   |

| ADJUST LIST           |         |         |            |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| <b>TRAVEL ADJ</b>     |         |         |            |
| Channel               | Travel  |         |            |
| THRO                  | 100/100 |         |            |
| AILE                  | 100/100 |         |            |
| ELEV                  | 100/100 |         |            |
| RUDD                  | 100/100 |         |            |
| GEAR                  | 100/100 |         |            |
| PITC                  | 100/100 |         |            |
| <b>FLAPS</b>          |         |         |            |
|                       | FLAP    | ELEV    |            |
| NORM                  | ↑100    | 0       |            |
| LAND                  | ↓100    | 0       |            |
| <b>D/R &amp; Expo</b> |         |         |            |
| Chan                  | Sw Pos  | D/R     | Expo*      |
| AILE                  | 0       | 100     | INH        |
|                       | 1       | 75      | INH        |
| ELEV                  | 0       | 100     | INH        |
|                       | 1       | 75      | INH        |
| RUDD                  | 0       | 100     | INH        |
|                       | 1       | 75      | INH        |
| <b>Mixing</b>         |         |         |            |
| MIX 1                 |         | ACT     |            |
| GEAR > GEAR           |         | ACT     |            |
| RATE                  |         | D 0%    | U -100%    |
| SW                    |         | GEAR    | TRIM - INH |
| <b>MIX 2</b>          |         |         |            |
| GEAR > GEAR           |         | ACT     |            |
| RATE                  |         | D 0%    | U +100%    |
| SW                    |         | ELE D/R | TRIM - INH |

### Panic Mode Operation

*Gyro Switch:* Pos 0 = Panic Mode Off  
Pos 1 = Panic Mode On

### Flight Mode Operation

*Gear Sw:* Pos 0, *Elev D/R Sw:* 0 or 1 = Stability, Low-Angle Mode  
*Gear Sw:* Pos 1, *Elev D/R Sw:* 0 = Stability, High-Angle Mode  
*Gear Sw:* Pos 1, *Elev D/R Sw:* 1 = Agility Mode

## DX7s

| SYSTEM SETUP     |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Model Type       | ACRO  |
| <b>SW Select</b> |       |
| Trainer          | Aux 1 |
| Flap             | Gear  |
| All Others       | INH   |

| FUNCTION LIST         |                   |         |       |              |                   |         |              |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|--------------|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| <b>Servo Setup</b>    |                   |         |       |              |                   |         |              |
| Chan                  | Travel            | Reverse | Chan  | Travel       | Reverse           |         |              |
| THR                   | 100/100           | Normal  | GER   | 100/100      | Normal            |         |              |
| Ail                   | 100/100           | Normal  | AX1   | 100/100      | Reverse           |         |              |
| ELE                   | 100/100           | Normal  | AX2   | 100/100      | Normal            |         |              |
| RUD                   | 100/100           | Normal  |       |              |                   |         |              |
| <b>D/R &amp; Expo</b> |                   |         |       |              |                   |         |              |
| Chan                  | Switch Pos (FLAP) | D/R     | Expo* | Chan         | Switch Pos (FLAP) | D/R     | Expo*        |
| AILE                  | 0                 | 100/100 | 0     | RUDD         | 0                 | 100/100 | 0            |
|                       | 1                 | 100/100 | 0     |              | 1                 | 100/100 | 0            |
|                       | 2                 | 75/75   | 0     |              | 2                 | 75/75   | 0            |
| ELEV                  | 0                 | 100/100 | 0     | <b>Timer</b> |                   |         |              |
|                       | 1                 | 100/100 | 0     | Mode         | Count Down        |         |              |
|                       | 2                 | 75/75   | 0     | Time         | 5:00 Tone         |         |              |
| <b>Throttle Cut</b>   |                   |         |       |              |                   |         |              |
| Switch                |                   |         | Mix 1 |              |                   | Start   | Throttle Out |
|                       |                   |         |       |              |                   | Pos     | 25%          |

### Panic Mode Operation

*Trainer/Bind Button*  
Pressed = Panic Mode On  
Released = Panic Mode Off

### Flight Mode Operation

*FLAP Sw:* Pos 0 = Stability, Low-Angle Mode  
Pos 1 = Stability, High-Angle Mode  
Pos 2 = Agility Mode

\* Use of "Expo" is not necessary for successful flight of the 120 S2. The pilot may adjust this setting to tailor the sensitivity of the helicopter around neutral if desired.

| SYSTEM SETUP |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Model Type   | ACRO  |
| SW Select    |       |
| Trainer      | Aux 1 |
| F Mode       | Gear  |
| All Others   | INH   |

| FUNCTION LIST |                      |         |       |         |                      |         |       |
|---------------|----------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------------------|---------|-------|
| Servo Setup   |                      |         |       |         |                      |         |       |
| Chan          | Travel               | Reverse | Chan  | Travel  | Reverse              |         |       |
| THR           | 100/100              | Normal  | GER   | 100/100 | Normal               |         |       |
| AIL           | 100/100              | Normal  | AX1   | 100/100 | Reverse              |         |       |
| ELE           | 100/100              | Normal  | AX2   | 100/100 | Normal               |         |       |
| RUD           | 100/100              | Normal  |       |         |                      |         |       |
| D/R & Expo    |                      |         |       |         |                      |         |       |
| Chan          | Switch Pos (AIL D/R) | D/R     | Expo* | Chan    | Switch Pos (AIL D/R) | D/R     | Expo* |
| AILE          | 0                    | 100/100 | 0     | RUDD    | 0                    | 100/100 | 0     |
|               | 1                    | 100/100 | 0     |         | 1                    | 100/100 | 0     |
|               | 2                    | 75/75   | 0     |         | 2                    | 75/75   | 0     |
| ELEV          | 0                    | 100/100 | 0     |         |                      |         |       |
|               | 1                    | 100/100 | 0     |         |                      |         |       |
|               | 2                    | 75/75   | 0     |         |                      |         |       |
| Throttle Cut  |                      |         |       |         |                      |         |       |
| Switch        |                      | Mix 1   |       |         |                      |         |       |
| D/R & Expo    |                      |         |       |         |                      |         |       |
| Chan          | Switch Pos (AIL D/R) | D/R     | Expo* |         |                      |         |       |
| RUDD          | 0                    | 100/100 | 0     |         |                      |         |       |
|               | 1                    | 100/100 | 0     |         |                      |         |       |
|               | 2                    | 75/75   | 0     |         |                      |         |       |
| Timer         |                      |         |       |         |                      |         |       |
| Mode          | Count Down           |         |       |         |                      |         |       |
| Time          | 5:00 Tone            |         |       |         |                      |         |       |
| Start         | Throttle Out         |         |       |         |                      |         |       |
| Pos           | 25%                  |         |       |         |                      |         |       |

**Panic Mode Operation***Trainer/Bind Button*

Pressed = Panic Mode On

Released = Panic Mode Off

**Flight Mode Operation***F MODE Sw:* Pos 0 = Stability, Low-Angle Mode

Pos 1 = Stability, High-Angle Mode

Pos 2 = Agility Mode

**DX6, DX6e, DX7 (Gen 2), 8e, DX9, DX18, iX12, iX20**

| SYSTEM SETUP   |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Model Type     | Airplane |
| F-Mode Setup   |          |
| Switch 1       | Switch B |
| Switch 2       | Inhibit  |
| Channel Assign |          |
| Channel Input  |          |
| 1 Throttle     | N/A      |
| 2 Aileron      | N/A      |
| 3 Elevator     | N/A      |
| 4 Rudder       | N/A      |
| 5 Gear         | B        |
| 6 AUX 1        | I        |

| FUNCTION LIST |                |            |         |         |              |          |  |
|---------------|----------------|------------|---------|---------|--------------|----------|--|
| Servo Setup   |                |            |         |         |              |          |  |
| Chan          | Travel         | Reverse    | Chan    | Travel  | Reverse      |          |  |
| THR           | 100/100        | Normal     | AX1     | 100/100 | Reverse      |          |  |
| AIL           | 100/100        | Normal     | AX2     | 100/100 | Normal       |          |  |
| ELE           | 100/100        | Normal     | AX3     | 100/100 | Normal       |          |  |
| RUD           | 100/100        | Normal     | AX4     | 100/100 | Normal       |          |  |
| GER           | 100/100        | Normal     |         |         |              |          |  |
| D/R & Expo    |                |            |         |         |              |          |  |
| Chan          | Switch (F) Pos |            | D/R     | Expo*   | Throttle Cut |          |  |
|               | DX6            | DX7, 9, 18 |         |         | Position     | Switch H |  |
| AILE          | 0              | 0          | 100/100 | 0       |              |          |  |
|               | 1              | 2          | 75/75   | 0       |              |          |  |
|               | 0              | 0          | 100/100 | 0       |              |          |  |
| ELEV          | 1              | 2          | 75/75   | 0       |              |          |  |
|               | 0              | 0          | 100/100 | 0       |              |          |  |
|               | 1              | 2          | 75/75   | 0       |              |          |  |
| RUDD          | 0              | 0          | 100/100 | 0       |              |          |  |
|               | 1              | 1          | 100/100 | 0       |              |          |  |
|               | 1              | 2          | 75/75   | 0       |              |          |  |
| Timer         |                |            |         |         |              |          |  |
| Mode          | Count Down     |            |         |         |              |          |  |
| Time          | 5:00           |            |         |         |              |          |  |
| Start         | Throttle Out   |            |         |         |              |          |  |
| Over          | 25%            |            |         |         |              |          |  |
| One Time      | Inhibit        |            |         |         |              |          |  |

**Panic Mode Operation***Bind / I Button*

Pressed = Panic Mode On

Released = Panic Mode Off

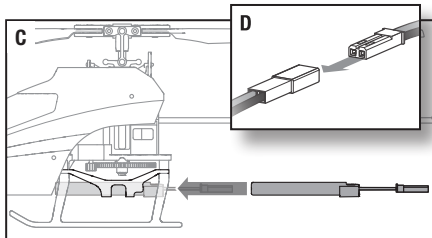
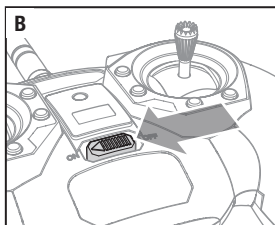
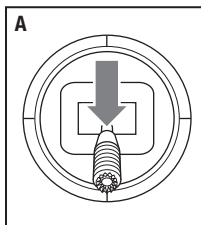
**Flight Mode Operation***Sw B:* Pos 0 = Stability, Low-Angle Mode

Pos 1 = Stability, High-Angle Mode

Pos 2 = Agility Mode

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## Installing the Flight Battery



1. Lower the throttle stick to the lowest position **(A)** and center all trims.
2. Set the flight mode switch to Stability, Low Bank Angle Mode (FM-0)
3. Power ON the transmitter **(B)**.
4. Slide the flight battery fully into the mount of the helicopter frame **(C)**.
5. Connect the power lead to the battery **(D)**, noting the correct polarity.

**CAUTION:** Connecting the battery to the control board with reversed polarity will cause damage to the control board, the battery or both. Damage caused by incorrectly connecting the battery is not covered under warranty.

6. Keep the aircraft from moving. The LED quickly flashes red followed by a quick green flash and then cycles red, green, blue and red, indicating initialization is complete.

After initialization is complete:

- If the aircraft is bound correctly to the transmitter, the LED will change to show the currently selected flight mode.
- If the LED on the control board flashes blue rapidly, indicating the aircraft is in bind mode, proceed to the Transmitter and Receiver Binding section to bind the aircraft and transmitter.
- If the LED flashes blue slowly, the flight controller lost communication with the transmitter.
- If the LED flashes red, the flight controller has hit the low voltage cutoff (LVC). Replace the flight battery with a fully charged battery.

**CAUTION:** Always disconnect the Li-Po battery from the aircraft when not flying to avoid over-discharging the battery. Batteries discharged to a voltage lower than the lowest approved voltage may become damaged, resulting in loss of performance and potential fire when batteries are charged.

## Transmitter and Receiver Binding

Your RTF transmitter comes prebound to the model. If you need to re-bind, follow the directions below.

### MLP6DSM Binding Procedure (RTF)

1. Disconnect the flight battery from the helicopter.
2. Center all trims on your transmitter.
3. Power off the transmitter and move the throttle stick to the down/off position.
4. Connect the flight battery in the helicopter, and keep the helicopter from moving. The LED on the control board continually flashes blue after the aircraft initializes, indicating the control board is in bind mode.
5. Push in and hold down the left stick\* while powering on the transmitter (you will hear a 'click').
6. Release the left stick. The transmitter will beep and the power LED will blink.
7. The helicopter is bound when the LED on the control board is solid (not blinking).
8. Disconnect the flight battery and power the transmitter off.

\* The trigger switch may also be used for the binding procedure.

If you encounter problems, obey binding instructions and refer to the troubleshooting guide for other instructions. If needed, contact the appropriate Horizon Product Support office.



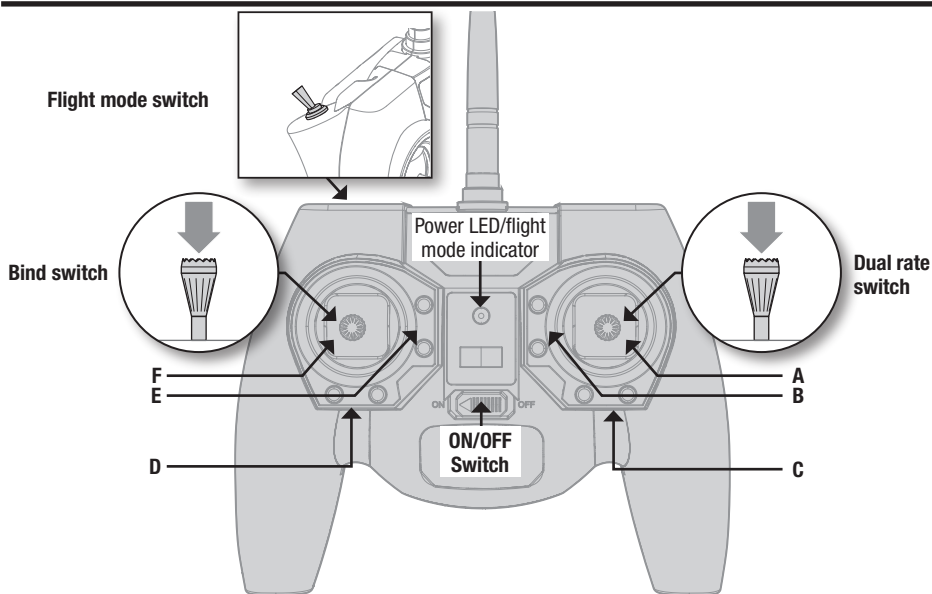
To bind or re-bind your helicopter to your chosen transmitter, follow the directions below.

### General Binding Procedure (BNF)

1. Disconnect the flight battery from the helicopter.
2. Refer the Transmitter Setup Table to correctly setup your transmitter.
3. Lower the throttle stick to the lowest position and center all trims on your transmitter.
4. Power off the transmitter and move all switches to the 0 position. Move the throttle to the low/off position.
5. Connect the flight battery to the control board. The control board LED rapidly flashes blue, indicating it is in bind mode.
6. Put the transmitter into bind mode while powering on the transmitter.
7. Release the bind button/switch after 2–3 seconds. The helicopter is bound when the LED on the receiver turns solid.
8. Disconnect the flight battery and power the transmitter off.

**CAUTION:** When using a Futaba® transmitter with a Spektrum™ DSM2® module, you must reverse the throttle channel and re-bind. Refer to your Spektrum module manual for binding and failsafe instructions. Refer to your Futaba transmitter manual for instructions on reversing the throttle channel.

### RTF Transmitter Controls



When pressed down, trim buttons make a sound that increases or decreases in pitch at each pressing. The middle or neutral trim position is heard as a middle tone in the pitch range of the sounds. The end of the control range is sounded by a series of beeps.

#### Dual Rate Selection

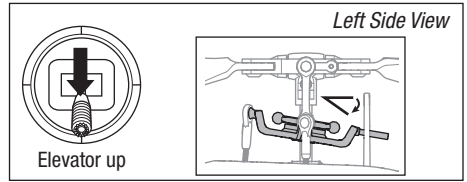
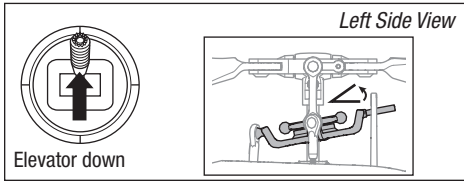
The control sensitivity can be changed by pressing and releasing the right control stick. The LED on the transmitter will show solid for high sensitivity (default) and flashing for low sensitivity.

|        | A  | B                | C               | D              | E                | F   |
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| Mode 2 | Aileron (Left/Right)<br>Elevator (Up/Down) | Elevator<br>Trim | Aileron<br>Trim | Rudder<br>Trim | Throttle<br>Trim | Rudder (Left/Right)<br>Throttle (Up/Down) |

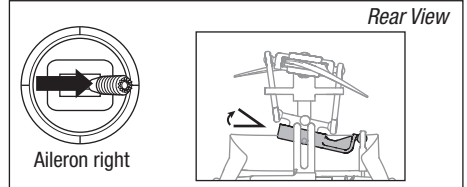
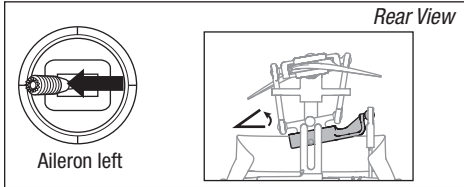
## Control Tests

Test the controls prior to the first flight to ensure the servos, linkages and parts operate correctly. Ensure the throttle is in the low position when doing the control tests.

### Elevator



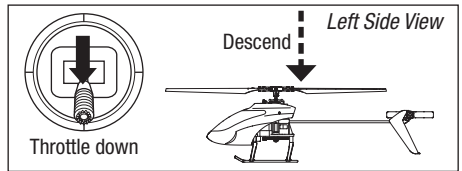
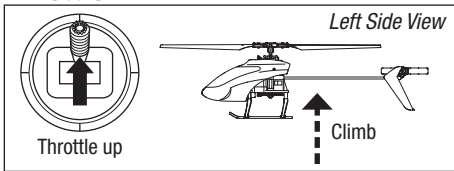
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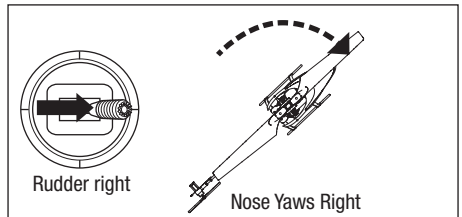
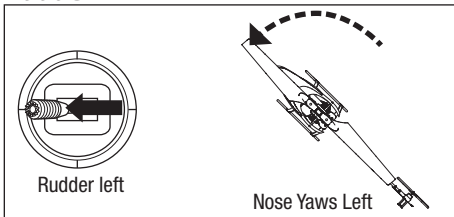
## Understanding the Primary Flight Controls

If you are not familiar with the controls of your 120 S2, take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with them before attempting your first flight.

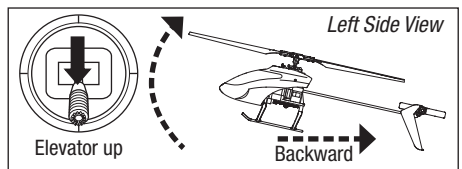
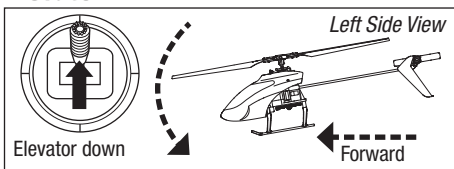
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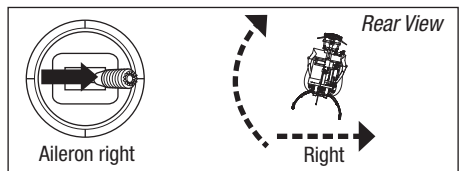
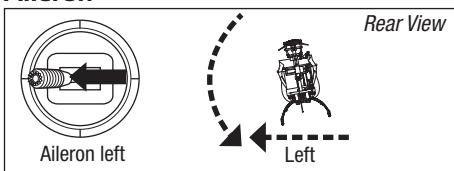
### Rudder



### Elevator



### Aileron



## Flying the 120 S2

Consult your local laws and ordinances before choosing a location to fly your aircraft.

We recommend flying your aircraft outside in calm winds (3 MPH or less) or inside a large gymnasium. Always avoid flying near houses, trees, wires and buildings. You should also be careful to avoid flying in areas where there are many people, such as busy parks, schoolyards or soccer fields.

It is best to fly from a smooth flat surface as this will allow the model to slide without tipping over. Keep the helicopter approximately 2 ft (600mm) above the ground. Keep the tail pointed toward you during initial flights to keep the control orientation consistent. Releasing the stick while in Stability, low bank angle mode or Stability, high bank angle mode will allow the helicopter to level itself and activating the Panic Switch will level the helicopter quickly. If you become disoriented, slowly lower the throttle stick to land softly. During initial flights, only attempt hovering the model in one spot and takeoff and landing.

### Takeoff

Place the model onto a flat, level surface free of obstacles and walk back 30 feet (10 meters). Slowly increase the throttle until the model is approximately 2 ft. (600mm) off the ground and check the trim so the model flies as desired. Once the trim is adjusted, begin flying the model. Typical flight time for the included battery is approximately 6 minutes.

### Hovering

Making small corrections on the transmitter, try to hold the helicopter in one spot. If flying in calm winds, the model should require almost no corrective inputs. After moving the cyclic stick and returning it to center the model should level itself. The model may continue to move due to inertia. Move the cycle stick in the opposite direction to stop the movement.

Do not use the trims on the transmitter to eliminate drift. If the helicopter does not hold a reasonable hover in calm conditions, perform the *Drift Calibration*.

After you become comfortable hovering, you can progress into flying the model to different locations, keeping the tail pointed towards you at all times. You can also ascend and descend using the throttle stick. Once you're comfortable with these maneuvers, you can attempt flying with the tail in different orientations. It is important to keep in mind that the flight control inputs will rotate with the helicopter, so always try to picture the control inputs relative to the nose of the helicopter. For example, forward will always drop the nose of the helicopter.

### Low Voltage Cutoff (LVC)

LVC decreases the power to the motors when the battery voltage gets low. When the motor power decreases and the red LED on the ESC flashes, land the aircraft immediately and recharge the flight battery.

LVC does not prevent the battery from over-discharge during storage.

**NOTICE:** Repeated flying to LVC will damage the battery.

### Landing

To land, slowly decrease the throttle while in a low-level hover. After landing, disconnect and remove the battery from the aircraft after use to prevent trickle discharge. Fully charge your battery before storing it. During storage, make sure the battery charge does not fall below 3V per cell.

### Flight Modes

**Stability, Low Bank Angle Mode (FM-0):** The receiver LED shows solid green. This flight mode allows a low bank angle and slower flight speed. When the cyclic stick is released the model will self-level.

**Stability, High Bank Angle Mode (FM-1):** The receiver LED shows solid blue. This flight mode allows a high bank angle and faster flight speed. When the cyclic stick is released the model will self-level.

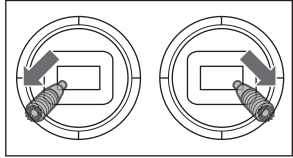
**Agility Mode (FM-2):** The receiver LED shows solid red. The bank angle is not limited. When the cyclic stick is released the model will **not** self-level.

## Drift Calibration

The helicopter has been calibrated in the factory before shipment, but it is possible that a crash will cause mechanical distortion of the frame, resulting in a slight drift in Stability mode. In this situation, please follow the calibration procedure.

Before beginning the calibration procedure, fully charge the flight battery and ensure the helicopter and transmitter are bound properly, per the binding instructions.

### To Calibrate the Blade 120 S2:

1. After initialization, move the transmitter sticks to the bottom, outside corners, as shown in the illustration. When the red and blue LEDs on the main flight control board flash slowly, calibration mode is active.
 
2. Release the sticks.
3. Slowly advance the throttle to bring the helicopter into a low hover. The red and blue LEDs flash rapidly to indicate the calibration process has begun. Hold the hover for approximately 15 seconds, using as little control input as possible to keep the helicopter steady.
4. Land the helicopter by slowly lowering the throttle.
5. After landing, press the bind/panic button to complete the calibration process. The LED will glow solid, with the color dependent on which flight mode is active.

## Post-Flight Inspection and Maintenance Checklist

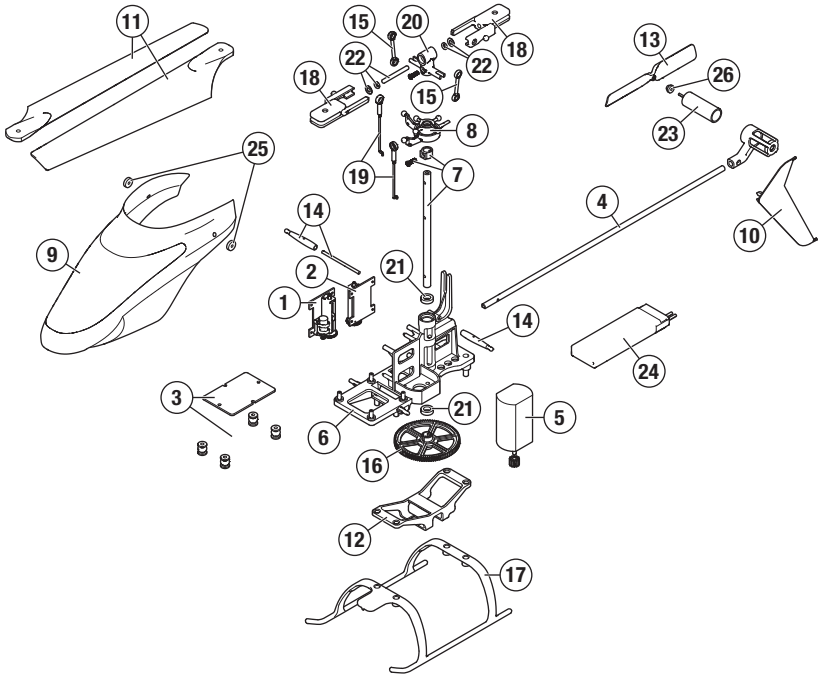
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| <b>Ball Links</b> | Make sure the plastic ball link holds the control ball, but is not tight (binding) on the ball. When a link is too loose on the ball, it can separate from the ball during flight and cause a crash. Replace worn ball links before they fail.  |
| <b>Cleaning</b>   | Make sure the battery is not connected before cleaning. Remove dust and debris with a soft brush or a dry, lint-free cloth.   |
| <b>Bearings</b>   | Replace bearings when they become notchy (sticky in places when turning) or draggy.   |
| <b>Wiring</b>     | Make sure the wiring does not contact moving parts. Replace damaged wiring and loose connectors.  |
| <b>Fasteners</b>  | Make sure there are no loose screws, other fasteners or connectors. Do not over-tighten metal screws in plastic parts. Tighten screws so the parts are mated together, then turn the screw only 1/8th of a turn more.   |
| <b>Rotors</b>     | Make sure there is no damage to rotor blades and other parts which move at high speed. Damage to these parts includes cracks, burrs, chips or scratches. Replace damaged parts before flying. Verify both main rotor blades have the correct and equal tension in the blade grips. When the helicopter is held up sideways, the main blades should support their own weight. When the helicopter is shaken lightly, the blades should fall. |
| <b>Tail</b>       | Inspect the tail rotor for damage and replace if necessary. Inspect the tail boom for any damage and replace if necessary.  |
| <b>Mechanics</b>  | Inspect the main frame and landing gear for damage and replace if necessary. Check the mainshaft for vertical play and adjust the locking collar if necessary. Verify that the main gear mesh is correct and that no tight spots exist in the 360 degree rotation. Inspect all wires for damage and replace as necessary.   |

## Troubleshooting Guide

| Problem   | Possible Cause                                     | Solution  |
|---|--|---|
| Helicopter is bound to a Spektrum DXe but will not respond to control input | The transmitter is in 9-channel mode               | Using the appropriate DXe programming cable and PC or mobile app, either change the transmitter to 7-channel mode or download the Blade 120 S2 model setup file to your transmitter from <a href="http://www.spektrumrc.com">www.spektrumrc.com</a> |
| Helicopter will not respond to throttle                                     | Throttle too high and/or throttle trim is too high | Disconnect the flight battery, place the throttle stick in the lowest position and lower the throttle trim a few clicks. Connect the flight battery and allow the model to initialize   |
|   | Helicopter moved during initialization             | Disconnect the flight battery and re-initialize the helicopter while keeping the helicopter from moving   |

| Problem  | Possible Cause  | Solution   |
|--|---|--|
| Helicopter has reduced flight time or is underpowered  | Flight battery charge is low  | Completely recharge the flight battery   |
|  | Flight battery is damaged   | Replace the flight battery and follow the flight battery instructions  |
|  | Flight conditions might be too cold   | Make sure the battery is warm (room temperature) before use  |
| LED on receiver flashes rapidly and aircraft will not respond to transmitter (during binding)              | Transmitter too near aircraft during binding process  | Power off the transmitter. Move the transmitter a larger distance from the aircraft. Disconnect and reconnect the flight battery to the aircraft. Follow the binding instructions  |
|  | Bind switch or button was not held while transmitter was powered on   | Power off transmitter and repeat bind process  |
|  | Aircraft or transmitter is too close to large metal object, wireless source or another transmitter                      | Move aircraft and transmitter to another location and attempt binding again  |
| LED on the receiver flashes rapidly and the helicopter will not respond to the transmitter (after binding) | Less than a 5-second wait between first powering on the transmitter and connecting the flight battery to the helicopter | Leave the transmitter powered on. Disconnect and reconnect the flight battery to the helicopter  |
|  | The helicopter is bound to a different model memory (ModelMatch™ transmitters only)                                     | Select the correct model memory on the transmitter. Disconnect and reconnect the flight battery to the helicopter  |
|  | Flight battery or transmitter battery charge is too low   | Replace or recharge batteries  |
|  | Aircraft or transmitter is too close to large metal object, wireless source or another transmitter                      | Move aircraft and transmitter to another location and attempt connecting again   |
| Helicopter vibrates or shakes in flight  | Damaged rotor blades, spindle, blade grips, main gear teeth or cracked main shaft.                                      | Check main rotor blades, blade grips, main gear and main shaft for cracks, chips or missing teeth. Replace damaged parts. Replace bent spindle   |
|  | Rotor head linkages not connected correctly   | Connect the rotor head linkages to the short ball links on the swashplate  |
| Model does not hold level/ Panic recovery does not level. Random movements in flight                       | Vibration   | Verify the receiver is properly attached to the helicopter. Verify that no wires are contacting the receiver. Inspect and balance all rotating components. Verify the main shaft and tail rotor adapter are not damaged or bent. Inspect mechanics for broken or damaged parts and replace as necessary  |
| Tail oscillation/wag or poor performance   | Loose tail boom, damaged tail rotor, loose bolts, vibration   | Verify that the boom is tight and completely inserted into the frame. Inspect the tail rotor for damage. Verify the tail motor mount is tight. Replace any damaged or worn components  |
| Drift in calm winds  | Vibration, damaged linkage, damaged servo   | Under normal operation the transmitter trims should not require adjustment and the center positions are memorized during initialization. If you find that trim adjustments are necessary after take off, verify the balance of all rotating components, ensure the linkages are not damaged and make sure the servos are in proper working condition. Perform the <i>Drift Calibration</i> procedure |
| Drift in wind  | Normal  | The model will drift with the wind but should remain level in flight. Simply hold the cyclic stick in the necessary position to keep the model stationary. The model must lean into the wind to remain stationary, if the model remains level then it will drift with the wind   |
| Severe vibration   | Rotating component out of balance   | Check the main shaft, tail rotor, main rotor blades, main frame and adapter for damage, replace as necessary. Vibration must be minimized for Panic Recovery and Return to Level functions to work properly  |

# Exploded View



## Parts List

| Part # | Description | Part #                 | Description |             |   |
|--------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
|        | BLH1100     | 120 S2 RTF             | 15          | BLH3115     | Rotor Head Linkage                        |
|        | BLH1180     | 120 S2 BNF             | 16          | BLH3106     | Main gear                                 |
| 1      | SPMSH2029L  | Linear Long, 35mm lead | 17          | BLH3706     | Landing gear Set                          |
| 2      | SPMSH2030L  | Linear Long, 60mm lead | 18          | BLH3114     | Main Blade grips with Hardware and screws |
| 3      | BLH1101     | Main Control Board     | 19          | BLH3108     | Servo Pushrod Set with Ball link (2)      |
| 4      | BLH4102     | Tail Boom Set          | 20          | BLH3112     | Main Rotor Hub with Hardware              |
| 5      | BLH4103     | Main Motor             | 21          | BLH3128     | Main Shaft Bearing 4 x 7 x 2              |
| 6      | BLH4104     | Main Frame             | 22          | BLH3113     | Feathering Spindle w/o-rings and bushings |
| 7      | BLH4105     | Main Shaft w/hardware  | 23          | BLH4113     | Tail Motor                                |
| 8      | BLH4106     | Swashplate             | 24          | EFLB5001S25 | 1S, 500 mAh, 25C LiPo Battery, JST        |
| 9      | BLH1102     | Canopy                 | 25          | BLH3121     | Canopy Mounting Grommets (8)              |
| 10     | BLH1103     | Tail Fin               | 26          | BLH3125     | Tail Motor Protective Sleeve              |
| 11     | BLH4111     | Main Blades w/screws   |             | BLH4109     | Screw set: 120 S                          |
| 12     | BLH4112     | Battery Frame          |             | SPMRMLP6    | MLP6DSM SAFE 6ch Tx                       |
| 13     | BLH3117     | Tail Rotor             |             | EFLC1010    | 1S USB LiPo Charger, 500mA                |
| 14     | BLH3705     | Canopy Mounts          |             |             |   |

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Blade 120 S2 RTF/BNF (BLH1100 / BLH1180)

 This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



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**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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